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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON
BERLIN AND GERMANY -- BERLIN/EC PAPER

REF: BONN 9095 AND PREVIOUS

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE BONN GROUP REPORT ON
THE EC STUDY, WHICH WAS AGREED AD REF ON MAY 18. EVEN
THIS BRIEF REPORT WAS AGREED ONLY AFTER SEVERAL
HOURS OF FRANCO-GERMAN HAGGLING OVER SPECIFIC WORDS.
THE FRENCH, FOR EXAMPLE, DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK OF
BERLIN'S "INCLUSION" IN THE EC ITSELF AND THIS CAUSES THE
GERMANS OBVIOUS CONCERN. BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE GERMANS
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DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK OF "PROBLEMS" ARISING "FROM"
BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN THE EC AND WOULD PREFER
"QUESTIONS." THE FRENCH CLAIM THAT "QUESTIONS" DOES NOT
SOUND RIGHT IN FRENCH. THE RESULT WAS THE COMPROMISE
WHICH APPEARS BELOW. IT ASSUMES IN PARAGRAPH 3 THAT
THE FRENCH PAPER ON BERLIN AND THE EC WILL BE AVAILABLE
PRIOR TO THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT

(1) IN MAY 1975 MINISTERS GAVE THE BONN GROUP A MANDATE TO STUDY THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN THE AREA OF APPLICATION OF THE TREATIES SETTING UP THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

(2) THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT THE QUADRIpartite MEETING IN BRUSSELS IN DECEMBER 1977. THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS ON THE FULL SCOPE OF THE MANDATE, BUT IT WAS AGREED THAT THE BONN GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS.

(3) THE GERMAN AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS IN THE BONN GROUP UNDERTOOK TO CONTRIBUTE PAPERS TO FORM THE BASIS OF THE STUDY. THE TWO PAPERS ATTACHED AS ANNEXES I AND II HAVE NOW BEEN PRESENTED IN THE BONN GROUP, THE SECOND ON (DATE) MAY. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO DISCUSSION OF THE PAPERS AFTER THE QUADRIpartite MEETING.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF AD REF TEXT.
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